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SUBJECT: SOVIET JEWISH EMIGRANTS TO US: DAVID AZBEL FAMILY (3)

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1. PROFESSOR (CHEMICAL ENGINEERING) DAVID AZBEL VISITED EMBASSY MAY 7, TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN EMIGRATING TO RELATIVES IN US. AT AZBEL'S URGING, EMBASSY STAMPE WAS PLACED IN HIS FAMILY'S SOVIET EXIT DOCUMENTS, WHICH WERE ISSUED FOR ISRAEL.

2. AZBEL, BORN 1911, WIFE RAKHIL (1923), AND SON VLADIMIR (1955) HAVE SEVERAL COUSINS IN US, INCLUDING MRS. TRUMAN A. BRONN, 93250 VICTORIA AVENUE, LOS ANGELES 90019, HE EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING THAT INVITATION TO JOIN PRINCETON FACULTY BEING HELD FOR HIM IN ROME (PRESUMABLY BY UHS).

3. AZBELS ARRIVE VIENNA MAY 16 ON SU-261. THEY RECEIVED ITALIAN, AS WELL AS ISRAELI AND AUSTRIAN, VISAS IN MOSCOW.

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4. COMMENT: AZBEL, WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF MOST PROMINENT EXIT REFUSAL CASES AND SUBJECT EXTENSIVE US CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INTEREST, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT HIS FAMILY'S RECEIPT OF EXIT VISAS IS ISOLATED CASE; HE ATTRIBUTED SOVIET REVERSAL TO COMBINATION HIS ADVANCE AGE AND ILL HEALTH (PARTLY A RESULT OF HIS 16 YEARS OF IMPROISONMENT UNDER STALIN) AND TO HIS PUBLIC ACTIVISM, INCLUDING RECENT 17-DAY HUNGER STRIKE. STOESSEL

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